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THE following Papers are those taken Notice of in ours of the 6th Instant: They are, at this Juncture, of such high Consequence to the understanding Affairs Abroad, and our Interest at Home, that the Perusal of them cannot be too strongly pressed; especially if we consider, that the slightest in our Conduct will be irreparable by future At-

presented by Count Schmettau, the King of Prussia's Ambassador at Paris, to his most Christian Majesty, after being repeated by Word of Mouth to him, upon the 1st of September.

First News that I am in Expectation of from the my Master, throws me into a Perplexity which I am able to express. The quiet Passage of the Queen Mary's Army over the Rhine, will have so sensitively affected his Majesty, that I am under the greatest Suspicion for the Effect which it shall have produced in his Mind, and upon that of our Allies. Promise has been given to the King my Master, that the Austrian Army should be considerably diminished. It is true, that from the 12th of August to the 23d, they continually at Work upon their Retreat; nevertheless were so fortunate as to pass the Rhine without suffering any considerable Loss. It is true, it would not have happened, but for the most unfortunate of all Accidents which could have befallen it, the illness of his most Christian Majesty, prevented the ready Execution of his Intentions.

Things which were promised to the King my Master will never doubt, but this great Misfortune had not happened, the Austrian Army would not have been in a Condition to appear upon the Theatre of the Empire, with that in which their quiet Passage over the Rhine cannot inspire them with.

Courts of Vienna and London will avail themselves of that Event, to increase their Credit in Germany, and, and in the North, and to procure themselves a Distance which would have been refused them, if my Prince Charles had received those Checks, seemed inevitable to them, if Things had passed naturally ought to have done. It appears to me, in order to remedy what has happened, which so revives the Confidence of our Enemies, these three Methods to be pursued.

First is, to procure for the Emperor, for the Rest of this Campaign, and with the least Delay possible, an Army of 50 Battalions, and 80 Squadrons, with Artillery that is proper.

Second is, that this very Army should be augmented the next Campaign, to the Number of Fighting Men, in order to push the Austrians with more vigour, and to give the Emperor and his Allies so great a Victory in the Empire, that the Court of Vienna shall be forced to come to a Peace.

Third is, that his most Christian Majesty would be induced to give Orders, as soon as possible, for an Army of 45,000 Men to march to Hanover. This is the most important Article, because it takes in the Three following Considerations.

The obliging the King of England to come to his Accommodation; a Proof of which was seen Year 41, by the sudden sending of the Sieur Harcourt to the Court of his most Christian Majesty.

Secondly, The bringing back the Elector of Cologne to his former Settlements towards the Emperor and France.

Lastly, the Third Consideration is the giving the Austrians, their own Troops may also be recalled for the Defence of their Provinces; and that thereby the King of his most Christian Majesty, which is in Flanders, may act with all the Superiority necessary for concluding their Coquets with Rapidity.

This Memorial shall conclude with an Observation,

which appears too to be very Important; that is, the Necessity there is of preventing, without Loss of Time, the English and Austrians, in Concert with the Elector of Dresden, from making the Progress in Poland which they desire, in order to thwart the designs of the King my Master, and thereby to support the principal Support of the Emperor, against the King of Hungary, in the Empire. And accordingly, the departure of the two Ministers, which his most

Christian Majesty has been pleased to name for Poland and Russia, seems to require the greatest Dispatch.

These are the most humble Representations, which I take the Liberty to make in the Name of the King my Master; laying myself at the Feet of his most Christian Majesty, and assuring him of the Continuation of all my Zeal for the Good of the common Interests. Metz, September 12, 1744.

The Marshal Count Schmettau.

A Discourse held to his most Christian Majesty, and delivered afterwards in Writing.

As I look upon your Majesty, not only as the greatest King in the World, but, at the same time, as the holiest Man, so I do not hesitate to open my Heart to you. I would avoid, Sir, to have any Difference with your Ministers; or to scold them, whenever your Will, with respect to what has been promised to the King my Master, is not put in Execution. Wherefore, Sir, as I only aim at the Good of Affairs, to preserve the strict Friendship and Union of your Majesty with the King my Master, which is to render you always, you and your Posterity, Arbiters of the Balance of Europe, and procure your reciprocal Advantage, and that of your Subjects; so I shall endeavour to express myself, on the Matters which I shall bring before your Majesty, as plainly as if they were personally transacted between your Majesty and the King my Master; and as I have in that no concealed View, I dare flatter myself that your Majesty will find it expedient, for your Service, to keep the Secret, as often as you shall permit me to advertise you, when any Thing shall fail in the Execution of your Orders.

Memorial for his most Christian Majesty only.

Prince Charles's Army, from the 12th of August, was a Third Part weaker than that of his most Christian Majesty: This latter had it in its Power till the 23d of the same Month, which is 12 Days, to put itself in a Situation to have come up with the other, and to have given it Battle.

All Europe was attentive to the Conduct that would be held thereupon; and the King, my Master, was persuaded more than any body, that the Austrian Army could not repass the Rhine without the Loss of half its Troops.

His Majesty was so much the more convinc'd of it, as he had been positively promised, that they would press closely upon the Enemy's Army, that it should be impossible for it to undertake any Passage of the Rhine, without risking a very great Loss. The cruel Illness of his most Christian Majesty, prevented my having the Honour to approach him, in order to represent to him what passed with respect to the Austrian Army; and the Memorials which I delivered on that Subject, could not be read to his said Majesty, for the same Reason of his Illness.

I had made, by the said Memorials, strong Instances upon all that I thought might have been executed from one Day to another, and which was not done; especially that from Molheim, as far as the Sore, which is but four French Leagues; and from that River to Bruehl, which is three Leagues more; an Army, so superior as that of his most Christian Majesty, had not been able in twelve Days upon the Enemy, considering that the Dispositions for Provisions, Forage, Artillery, Bridges, and Openings of the Ways and Routes for the March of the said Army, might have been made with Ease, provided that all these Articles had been foreseen at the Time when they should have proposed to approach so close to the Enemy, that they should not have again lost Sight of them, and that it would not have been easy for them to have stolen away, in order to repass the Rhine, without being attack'd.

The Austrian Army was known to be encamped the 17th of August, upon the Eminencies of Brumpt, on the other Side of the Sore; which gave the Army of his most Christian Majesty the liberty to march, with the usual Precautions, in as many Columns as might have been thought necessary, for its coming and forming itself on the 17th of August, on the River Souffel, at a League from Strasbourg; so much the rather, as it might, during the Heat which it made the 16th of August, have provided Bread for four Days. The Artillery might also, from the 12th to the 17th, have had Time enough to arrive there.

Nothing ought to have hindered them, on the 18th of August, from marching in the same Manner, by leaving the Wood of Brumpt on the Right, as far as the Rorbach, and pushing the Head of all the Grenadiers and Dragoons in the Army, up to the Sore, over-against

Hochfeld, from which Post the Duke of Harcourt was distant, the two last Days, but one League. Nothing ought to have hindered the passing the Sore, the 19th, and coming up to the Enemy; and when even they had been halted on the 20th, which in a Conjunction like that, wherein they found themselves, was not absolutely necessary, they would have had the 21st, the 22d, and half the 23d, to attack the Enemy's Army, or at least to have pressed it so closely, without the Light Troops being able to cover it, that it would have been impossible for it to have undertaken to desile by its Bridges, without their having destroyed half of the said Army.

One might still farther take Notice of other Articles, as that of a full Moon on the 23d to the 24th of August, when it was as light as Day; that they gave Time to the Enemy, already quite in Confusion, to pass the rest of their Infantry, and their Arrear Guard, over the Rhine, on their Bridges, although the whole Army of his most Christian Majesty was but Half a League from thence; being, that the Enemy did not cease passing over these Bridges till the Dawn of the Day on the 24th of August; and that they would have burnt their Bridges sooner than they did (knowing the Army of France was so near them) if they had not finish'd passing the Rhine, at Day-break, the 24th of August.

Moreover, the Pursuit of the Austrian Army on the other Side of the Rhine, was carried on with so much Lukewarmness (because the Corps which were to sustain the Detachments sent to the Pursuit of the Enemy, did not follow quick enough) that it produced no Manner of Effect; and that the Enemy continued their Route with the same Facility.

But as the Business is at present to endeavour to remedy the ill which has happened, and that we must set out from the Ground we are now upon, I think it indispensably obliged, for the Good of the common Interests, humbly to beseech his most Christian Majesty, that he will be pleased to give his Consent to the Three following Articles.

- That the 6 Battalions, and 16 Squadrons, which are wanting to complete the 50 Battalions and the 80 Squadrons, of which the Imperial Army ought to be composed, be taken out of the Troops of his most Christian Majesty; and that they join the Imperial Army as soon as possible, with 8 Battering Pieces, 4 Mortars, their Implements, and Pontons designed for that Army.
- That a Plan of Operations be made for the Remainder of this Campaign.
- That the same be done for the Position of the Troops, during the next Winter.

4. And lastly, that a Plan of Operations be made for next Year, within the Month of October next.

The Orders of the King, my Master, upon this last Article, are so strict, that I cannot possibly depart, in any Point whatsoever, from them. His Majesty desiring to know besides, what will be the Operations of the next Campaign, that he may take just Measures to act in Concert, and to avoid committing the Faults of the three preceding Campaigns.

The King, my Master, will not fail to send, respectively, his Plan of Operations, that we may proceed in as perfect Concert on both Sides.

Metz, Sept. 12, 1744. Marshal Count de Schmettau.

H O M E P O R T S.

Bristol, November 8. This Day arrived the Enterprize Schooner, Captain Jobson, of 40 Tons, from Jamaica, and sailed from thence the 20th of August, with 35 Sail, under Convoy of the York and Assistance Men of War, and parted them about Six Weeks since, off Bermuda, in a Gale of Wind; but few several of them about Eight Days after, particularly the Rames Galley, Capt. Pickett, for London. In the Passage from Jamaica, they met with three Ships from S. Domingo, and one laden with Naval Stores; which they took, and sent to Jamaica, under Convoy of the Assistance Men of War.

Dover, November 5. Wind N. N. W. Came in the Somerset, Harris, from Rotterdam for Dublin; the Endeavour, Andrews, from London for Dartmouth. Sailed the Rainbow, Wood, for Sunderland.

Deal, November 9. Wind W. N. W. Came down the Peggy and Jenny, Long, for Antigua, the London Picket, Ternao, for Montserrat; the Start, Bowden, for Plymouth; and remain with the Princess Louis Men of War, and the Outward-bound Ships, as per last.

Gravesend, November 9. Passed by the Assurance, Fisher, from Stockholm, but last from Dunkirk.

L O N D O N .

According to the latest Letters from Dresden, it was apprehended, his Prussian Majesty meditated some new

